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Johnson Helps Win Grant for Torrington Firefighters *Federal Grant Improves Air Quality at Torrington Fire Station*

TORRINGTON, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced the Torrington Fire Department will receive \$21,600 in federal funds to purchase an air purification system for the city's North End station.

"This grant will greatly improve the air quality at the North End station, giving Torrington firefighters a safer work environment while they work to protect us," Johnson said. "I fight hard for these grant programs because our firefighters need and deserve the best resources to do their jobs."

Torrington Fire Chief John Field said air quality problems due to fire vehicle exhaust fumes have been an on-going issue at the North End station. Field said the \$21,600 grant will allow the department to purchase an air filtration system for the firehouse.

"We really appreciate Nancy Johnson's support," Field said. "She's always been supportive of the Torrington Fire Department and we appreciate her help in securing this grant. We would not have been able to purchase this important equipment if not for the grant funding. This will take care of the air quality issues."

The grant was made through the Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program, which funds training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities. It is one of four categories of FIRE grants, all funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The other three grant programs are the Fire Prevention Program, the Emergency Medical Services Program, and the Firefighting Vehicles Acquisition Program.

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